



State Senator

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## HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

Dear Neighbor:

Winter is coming, bringing with it both cold weather and home heating bills.

As you may know, Governor M. Jodi Rell has announced that Connecticut's home-heating assistance program will provide increased benefits to eligible families for the second consecutive year.

Eligible households can receive as much as \$675 in basic assistance, supplemented by crisis and safety net assistance for those heating with deliverable fuels. A contingency heating assistance program is available for eligible households with incomes too high to qualify for the regular energy assistance program.

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and the Contingency Heating Assistance Program are administered by the state Department of Social Services and coordinated by regional Community Action Agencies, in cooperation with municipal and other non-profit human service agencies.

The only sure way to know if your household qualifies for assistance from these programs is to apply. The application deadline is May 1, 2007. Households eligible for the winter heating program may also be eligible for help from the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program which is designed to help eligible low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

Further information about these programs is available by calling the state Department of Social Services winter heating assistance line at 1-800-842-1132, or by calling 2-1-1 Infoline, or your area Community Action Agency at (203) 748-5422. More information about the state's energy assistance program, including eligibility guidelines, an explanation of benefits, and an energy brochure, is available at [www.ct.gov/dss](http://www.ct.gov/dss).

Keep in mind that Connecticut has a new law exempting residential energy efficiency products and energy efficient heating equipment from the state sales tax from June 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007.

If you have any questions about Connecticut's energy assistance programs, please call my legislative office at 1-800-842-1421. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David".